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TREES PLANTED ALONG SOUTH FORK OF THE HUMBOLDT

Forty-two volunteers planted sixty cottonwood trees along the South Fork of the Humboldt River about twelve miles south of Elko on May 15th in celebration of National Public Lands Day.

Jim Harmening, BLM Elko Field Office National Public Lands Day coordinator commented, "The volunteers were great and all the trees were planted and fenced. It was especially challenging to get the trees, fencing, and tools on the side of the river opposite the road. The Elko County Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen packed the trees and materials on their horses and forded the river. Boats were used as well to get trees and equipment across the river."

"Getting the trees in the ground in May will give them a better chance to survive than if they were planted in the fall. In addition to tree planting volunteers chopped Scotch thistle and picked up trash in the river corridor," concluded Harmening.

Following the morning's work, volunteers were treated to a Dutch-oven lunch provided by Elko Interagency Fire Center Supervisor Bill Roach.

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